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Road and Railroad Conditions and Traffic

1. At Vaatsinnuritsa (approximately 67-03N, 30-02E) [] a single-track railway with 32 kg rails which was evidently several years old. [] very little rail traffic; however, [] a train moving to the north at 0030 hours on 19 August 1951, another train moving northward at 0400 hours on 20 August, and a locomotive and one freight car moving northward at 0440 hours on 21 August. 50X1-HUM
2. Parallel to and ten meters to the west of the railroad mentioned above, [] a new and unfinished road still lacking culverts, which, judging by the fire-weed growing on it, has not been worked on for a long time - at least a year. The road is six meters wide and has a dirt and gravel surface. A three-wire telephone line runs along the road. 50X1-HUM
3. Approximately two kilometers east of the railroad mentioned in paragraph one [] a road running in a north-south direction. The road is six meters wide, has a much-used gravel surface, and is in excellent condition. An eight-wire telephone line parallels the road. 50X1-HUM
4. [] a village six kilometers ENE of Vaatsinnuritsa [] was located on both sides of the Tuntsa (Tuntsajoki) River. The railroad and the road mentioned in paragraph two crossed the river into the village on the east side over a span (single-span?) bridge. The bridge is used for both rail and vehicular traffic. Both ends of the bridge are patrolled and much foot traffic, groups of four or five men, was observed using the bridge. A donkey-engine with one or two cars was observed crossing the bridge from east to west. The village consisted of about 25 buildings, including barns; half of these were houses, in which lights were burning all night. 50X1-HUM
5. An electric power plant operated by water turbines is located in the middle of the Tuntsa River, east of the railroad bridge. [] a motor 50X1-HUM

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boat leaving the power plant and proceeding down the river. [redacted]
[redacted] sounds of much activity in the area south of the power plant and west of the Tuntsa River. [redacted] dump trucks being emptied and explosives being detonated. [redacted] smoke and phosphorous lights burning, each for three or four seconds in fixed positions; they were not aerial flares. Other signs of work were also audible in the area. At 0500 hours men in cars were heard leaving the village, crossing the bridge and proceeding, apparently, in the general direction of the area of activity described above.

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6. [redacted] a road on the western side of the railroad roughly 1 1/2 km west of the Tuntsa River. The road is seven meters wide, with a well-travelled, gravel surface. The road intersects the railroad and the two roads discussed in paragraphs two and three, and runs in a NNW direction. There are no telephone lines along this road. 50X1-HUM
7. At approximately 67-04N, 29-59E [redacted] a road which was built during the war. The road runs in a north-south direction, is four meters wide, has a gravel and dirt surface, and is covered with grass. The road is unused and old half-track marks were in evidence.
8. An unfinished railway station, lacking chimney and windows, is located at approximately 67-02-50N, 30-05E. The railway in front of the station is double tracked for approximately 300 meters. No cars were observed on the siding. [redacted] another railway station at approximately 67-01-40N, 30-03E, on the opposite, or west, side of the railroad described in paragraph three, from the station above. This station was six by seven meters, with a chimney but no windows. Both stations were evidently in use, as the paths leading to them showed signs of use. 50X1-HUM
9. At approximately 67-04N, 29-35E [redacted] an unused military road which runs in a north-south direction. [redacted] this road was built during the war and appeared to be unused as trees were down across the road, blocking it. The road was five meters wide, had a gravel surface, and was in good condition. 50X1-HUM
10. The Salla-Liinahatunkangas road is four meters wide, has a gravel surface, is much used and in good condition. Four telephone lines run along the eastern side of the road.
11. There is a dirt road located at 63-07N, 31-41E which runs in a north-south direction. This road is 3.5 meters wide and is in a very bad condition. No road traffic was observed; however, there were old traces of truck traffic and more recent traces of horse-drawn wagons.
12. Continuous heavy motor traffic was observed on a road running in a north-south direction through Prjakila (63-07-20N, 33-11-15E), east of the Jangoserk River. Numerous men and women were felling trees in the vicinity.

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13. Approximately one-half kilometer west of the village described in paragraph four and on the western side of the Tuntsa River [redacted] a new defense line. Trees and brush have been cleared for some distance in front of the defense line; pillboxes for machine guns have been made of stone or dug and blasted into stone, and stones have been piled up in front of the loopholes. [redacted] this may be a defense installation for the Tuntsa River, power station, etc., or the line may be part of a defense line running south toward the area of activity described in paragraph five. 50X1-HUM
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14. [redacted] an airfield across the Tuntsa River just NW of the village. The airfield was small, about 600 to 700 meters square. Three hangars could be seen, but no aircraft were observed. 50X1-HUM

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15. There is a billeting area in the vicinity of 66-59-30N, 29-33-30E.

Another billeting area is located in the vicinity of 66-51-40N, 29-14E. There are at least three new houses and one large barn, where, judging from the noise, dogs are kept.

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16. Soviet Border Guard outpost billets consisting of three new houses and two barns, all of normal size, are located at approximately 67-04-30N, 29-24E.
17. A Soviet border post is located at approximately 63-07N, 31-26E.
18. A Soviet company headquarters (numerical designation and type unknown) is located at approximately 63-05N, 31-34E, consisting of three barracks, three sheds, an observation tower, and a bath house.

Rivers

19. The Nurmi (Nurmijoki) River is seven meters wide, has a hard gravel and sand bottom, and can be crossed by wading.
20. The Jukkuu (Jukkuujoki) River is a shallow stream with a hard bottom which can be crossed by wading.
21. The Kulo (Kuola) River can be crossed by crawling over log booms in the area of 67-01N, 29-28E.
22. There are many brooks and small streams not indicated on maps between Lavasella on the Nurmi River and the Jukkuu River.

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